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Bills may alter board

by ANDREA AVERY
News Editor

State Sen. James Lewis, D-South Pittsburg, has introduced a bill requiring that one-third of the members of the UT Board of Trustees be from the majority party (currently the Democrats) and another bill eliminating the present law requiring that one-third of the board be from the minority party (presently the Republicans).

Lewis claims that he filed these bills with the Senate Education Committee because of the "partisan politics" of Gov. Lamar Alexander, who appoints one board member from each of the nine congressional districts.

"Our 'non-partisan' governor has seen fit to appoint all Republicans," Lewis stated. "If you mandate one-third Republicans, you should mandate one-third Democrats."

John Parish, Alexander's press secretary, maintains that talent and ability, not politics, are the criteria used to make board appointments.

"His (Alexander's) selection of the Board of Trustees is not based on political considerations," Parish said.

He explained that the governor looks for individuals who are "successful in their own fields and value higher education.

"I think several of them would be surprised to know they're Republicans," Parish added.

Jimmy Harrison, an Alexander appointtee to the board and president of the Martin Bank, said that he was appointed as an independent, explaining that he was a strong supporter of both Alexander and Democratic State House Speaker Ned McWherter.

"Politics should not be the determinant of who sits on the board," Harrison explained.

He added that since he had been serving on the board, political sidings have never been a deciding factor in board actions.

"The people on the board have an interest in the university system," the four-year member said.

Bill Hollings, attorney for the education committees of the House and Senate, said that in "few instances" appointments have been questioned for being politically motivated.

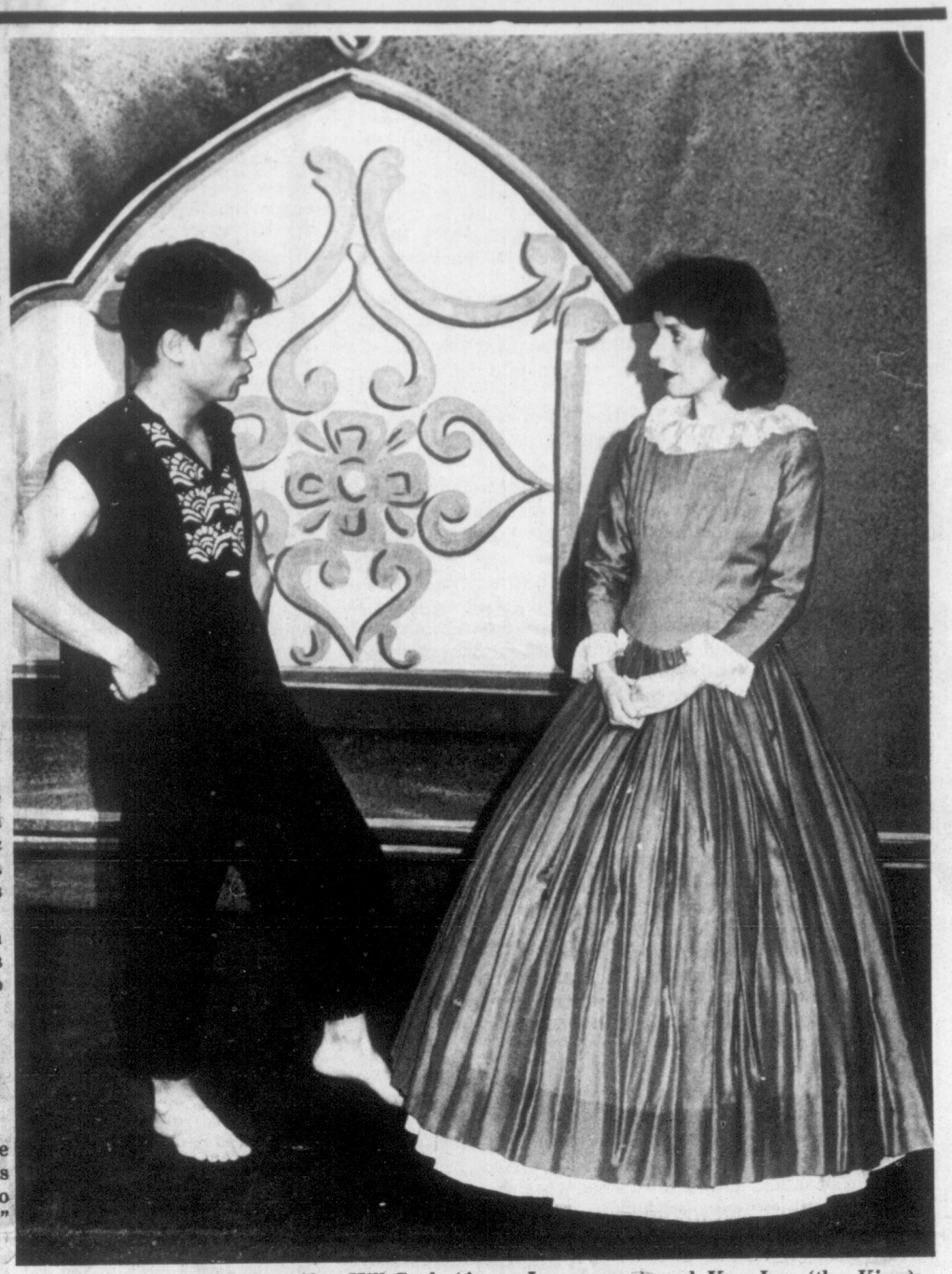
Under these circumstances, the individuals have declined consideration, according to Hollings.

He added that the present law also requires that one-third of the board be UT alumni and at least one member be female.

Other education governing bodies have politcal and non-political makeup requirements, Hollings said.

The nine-member State Board of Education, which governs the state's public education, must have a minimum of three Democrats and three Republicans.

The Board of Regents, which governs all state universities not in the UT system, has no composition requirements.



The King and I--Jennifer Hill-Cook (Anna Leonowens) and Kay Lee (the King) rehearse a scene from the upcoming Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The King and I" to be presented Feb. 28, March 1 and 2 by UTM's Vanguard Theatre.

Phone system is success

by TINA WILLIAMS
Student Writer

According to UTM's Director of Purchasing and Business Services, this year's new telephone system has been successful in helping people to call into the dorms and other campus offices.

The new system allows calls to be made directly into a dorm room instead of having to call the dorm and then wait to be connected to a room, which was last year's system.

"The new system didn't address out calls," Dru Crawley continued. "Trying to call out is a problem but we probably won't do anything about it."

"Our system has 32 lines going straight to the students and 61 lines to the administration. These lines are called trunks," added Crawley.

Crawley explained, "If 32 students in the dorms are on out, the student won't get a dial tone and the pick-up will be monitored as busy time."

"We monitor traffic on our phone system every day, 24 hours a day, to see how much busy time we are getting," he said.

"One percent or less busy time is considered an excellent service," continued the 8 year UTM staff member. "We are presently hitting one-two percent."

According to Crawley, the maximum amount of busy time for UTM's system is 46,080 seconds a day. "We average 200-300 seconds of busy time a day," he added.

"Students talk more than the average," he added with a smile. "The average student in the dorm makes about five calls a day."

"Our present system will be paid for in about three years and then we will have money to buy additional equipment," said the director.

"Hopefully, all dorm rooms will be able to get their own line instead of a party line," he added.

"The third floor of Ellington has party lines now but in August we will convert those to straight lines," he said. "Ellington will be the only major step in the system until the three years pass."

"About three weeks ago, we did add 18 states which can be accessed on the WATS line," he said.

According to Crawley, there haven't been many complaints about the phone system this year. "But there have been a few concerning long distance and not being able to get a line out."

Bennett supports cut

by ALEX BLEDSOE
Editor

UTM students should prepare to "give up their cars and stereos," along with students from all over the country, according to Education Secretary William Bennett.

Bennett, at a news conference held Monday, Feb. 11, announced that he was supporting President Reagan's proposed 25 percent cut in aid to students.

"You have to look at the major picture," Bennett said. "You have to look at where the target must be. I think the administration is absolutely right."

Reagan's proposal calls for a $4,000 cap on Federal aid to any student, and that no aid go to a student whose family income is more than $32,500.

Bennett's predeccessor, Terrel Bell, said that the cuts will hurt both students and colleges and will be rejected by Congress.

Bennet, though, stated that the strong reaction against the proposal was "way out of line."

He explained that the measure would reduce the Federal deficit while still allowing the needy to attend college.

The measure would also force some middle-class students to make what he called "divestures--like a stereo divesture or an automobile divesture, or a three weeks at the beach divesture."

In fending off the criticism, Bennett said, "We've got very serious budget deficits. I think everyone concedes that. We've got a student loan default rate of 10 percent. The administration is saying that we want to provide opportunities for students to go to college, who might not otherwise be able to go."

Black Hawk Helicopters assist Strike Force

by GREG MAGEE
Student Writer

The annual field training exercise for UTM's Ranger Strike Force, held at Milan, Tennessee's army ammunition plant Saturday, was a success, according to Yogi Thomas, cadet second lieutenant and Strike Force commander.

The exercise started at 4:30 Saturday morning when the Strike Force members boarded two U-H 60 Black Hawk Helicopters at the UTM football stadium, instead of trucks, to travel to the training site.

"The air mobile operation was exciting and took half the time to reach Milan than trucks would have," Thomas said.

"After arriving at the training site, the Strike Force candidates were given the chance to put classroom work to practical use," commented Cadet Major Liz Coble.

Each candidate was appointed the position of patrol leader and evaluated by a member of Strike Force, according to how well the position was handled. The candidates' positions were changed throughout the weekend.

The first operation performed was a reconnaissance patrol of an objective in "enemy territory."

"A reconnaissance patrol is what you can call a sneak-and-peek operation to find out what is out there," explained Coble.

After completing its first task, the patrol pulled back and waited for further orders, which were to raid the objective by destroying whatever was located there.

Coble stated that performing partisan link-ups, setting up patrol bases and conducting ambushes were other tasks performed by the patrol.

"We used pyrotechnics such as smoke grenades, flares and artillery simulators to make the situation as real as possible," stated Thomas. "The realism of being in the woods also tested how well the patrol leaders worked under pressure."

Having been on the move constantly for 30 hours, the Strike Force ended its weekend exercise at 1 p.m. Sunday, and returned to Martin in two half-ton trucks.

"We all benefited from the exercise, but it was mostly for the candidates' benefit," Thomas concluded.

No more convoys--Two U-H 60 Black Hawk Helicopters from the Fort Campbell, Ky. army base transported UTM's Strike Force members to their annual field exercises in Milan, Tenn. last Saturday

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OPINIONS

What do they do after lunch?

"Why not fly over with planes and give them food?" questions one of our editors. Sounds pretty logical, doesn't it? The starving Ethiopians would sure like it.

Or would they? What is there for them to do after a good meal? Food does not solve all their problems. After they have cleaned the dishes, they will still have too many inhabitants, not enough knowledge about agriculture and definitely not enough work for everyone.

What then? How can they function? So what if we feed them a meal or two? They won't know what to do with themselves after they are fed!

Why not send them money, you ask? They wouldn't know what to do with that either. Okay, maybe some top government officials could find something to do with the money--but would it be something that would benefit everyone? You know, justice for all, etc.,etc. (Or is that only an American ideal?)

Anyway, think about it. There are starving *Americans*. And if some country sent *us* a few million dollars, do you think that dear old Ronnie would ship it first class to their mouths? Probably not. After all, spring is approaching and Nancy could probably use that money for some additions to her wardrobe, or at least some new place settings.

Before you all jump to the conclusion that **The Pacer** staff is cold and heartless, take a minute to see the logic in what we are saying. You don't have to agree--just **listen**.

Wouldn't it make more sense to go to these undernourished countries and **educate** them on such topics as agriculture, birth control, hygiene and general self-sufficiency.

They would benefit a lot more from the experience and we as Americans would not be wasting our time, money and rock stars trying to end world hunger.

World hunger cannot be ended with food alone. These people must come to some realizations about the countries they live in. They must learn what resources they have and how they can be used to their advantage. Other countries have had to learn this in order to survive, why can't they?

The cavemen started the whole idea of trial-and-error, which is not a real hard concept to grasp. You try something. If it doesn't work, don't try it again.

We can't do all their thinking. Let them experiment a while. Play around with a few ideas concerning their agricultural-economic situation, and then we'll see what we can do.

There is nothing wrong with helping the hungry. But why not let them help themselves? A few casseroles are not going to solve the many problems that exist in these underdeveloped areas.

The best gift we could give them is the gift of knowledge about their countries and how to get the most out of them.

THUMBS

To studly men.

To term papers.

To lost Safety and Security men.

To the members of Sigma Lambda Upsilon Tau. You know who you are Wild Men.

To loud and cranky roommates.

To small cups in the cafeteria. We're all grown up and can drink more than that.

To helpful boyfriends.

To cafeteria help who pick your tray up before you finish, and tell you to leave. How Rude.

To Spring flowers.

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Sports Editor does double duty to appear in play

by MARTY BREEDEN
Sports Editor

During winter quarter Vanguard Theatre usually puts on a musical, starring many people from the university and around the Martin area, that usually turns out to be a fantastic show. This quarter's performance of The King and I is no exception.

I had the experience of a lifetime when I got the chance to perform in this production as the character Phra Alack.

The work on the **The King and I** started shortly after the quarter began with readings, set design and various other tasks getting under way.

Vanguard Theatre is highly respected in this area and is know all over for its wonderful productions. One of the highest honors a person can receive is to to get a chance to perform in it under the fabulous direction of William Snyder.

Since I had never been in a Vanguard production before, I was nervous about reading for the first time. I was even more nervous about having to sing, because I always get upset when I have to sing in front of strange people.

As luck would have it (or rather a smart decision on the part of Sue Laine Graves, musical director for the production), my character does not have to sing, which is fortunate for the ears of the audience as well.

The lead characters in the play, Jennifer Cook (Anna Leonowens), Kay Lee (the King), Rita Winter (Lady Thiang), Kerrie Norwood (Tuptim) and Chandler Barron (Lun Tha) do a marvelous job of taking care of the singing in the play.

Hardin Butcher (Prince Chulalongkorn) and Andy Pace (Louis Leonowens), two younger actors from the Martin area, also do a great job of singing as they portray the main children in the play.

When speaking of actors and performers that do a teriffic job of pleasing the audience, the royal dancers could by no means be overlooked.

The dancers really put their heart into what they are doing, and it shows by the enchantment in the air as they perform "Small House of Uncle Thomas."

When rehearsals first started, it seemed as if the play would never get off the ground. Then as time went by and the actors began to learn their lines and cues, it began to take shape as a real work of theatrical art.

Most people don't know, or really care for that matter, how much work is put into a Vanguard production.

The actors are continuously strengthing their character up until the very moment the curtain goes up on the first scene. They spend hours and days thinking about what they would be feeling or doing if they were really were this person living in Siam.

The people in charge of set design gave it their all as they came up with beautiful backdrops and props.

Doug Cook is the man responsible for keeping the prop people jumping between each scene to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Already I have said what an important part the main characters play in the success of the production but without the other characters, the play would be rather empty. There is never a part "too small to play" because each character in his own special way adds something to the play.

Costumes for the principal characters for this production came from New York and looked truly wonderful on the stage.

The costumes for the children were made by volunteers from the community who did a very fine job of piecing them together.

All the elements seem to combine naturally to make this play a great success which can be shown through the ticket sales. Tickets for the three day performances went on sale Monday and were almost completely sold out by Tuesday.

Everyone who goes to the theatre to see **The King and I** will come out feeling wonderful, as though you were just magically transported to the far away country of Siam to help Mrs. Anna teach the royal children.

This is one of those plays that makes you sit up and take notice.

You will probably be singing the songs form the production by Rodgers and Hammerstein for days afterwards.

Vanguard Theatre does more than merely put on a performance for the audience to view and enjoy, although it does that very well. It also is an attempt to bring a little bit of theatrical culture to the university and the city of Martin.

So if you get a free night this weekend and think you don't have anything to do, **think again!**, because you could go to Siam and spend an evening with the King and Mrs. Anna.

SGA gets ideas for future entertainment

SGA Dateline

by Tracey Cline

This past week three representatives of S.G.A. and members of Campus Recreation went to Chicago, Ill., for the National Association of Campus Activities Convention. The purpose of this convention is to view various types of campus entertainment and receive ideas from many schools and people. Members attending this event were John Bell, Denise Fawcett, Don Fronabargar, Reggie Williams, Elaine Mitchell, David Belote and Jane Polansky.

S.G.A. Vice President Denise Fawcett said, "We are very fortunate to have already had some of the best acts here on campus since they have been nominated for special awards. However, we did see some new and interesting ideas for the future.

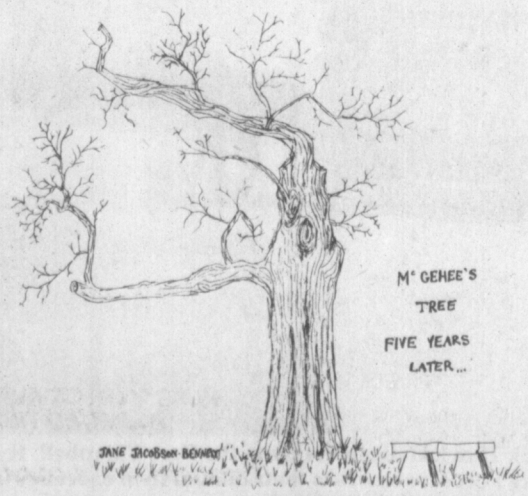
"The convention was a very rewarding and educating experience to those who attended. We appreciate and thank those of you for attending this convention.

Here are some dates of things that are coming up in S.G.A.

Feb. 28, 1985.....S.G.A Congress meeting - Vote on the Student Activities Fee. (9:00 in the Congress Chambers.)

March 3, 1985.....S.G.A. Movie - **Purple Rain** will be shown at 6:00 and 9:00 in Humanities Auditorium

On behalf of S.G.A., I would like to congratulate the winners of the S.G.A. Spirit Competition. Thank you also for your participation and enthusiasm!



CAMPUS BRIEFS

PEP applications available

Applications for the Peer Enabling Program for the 1985-86 academic year are now availabe. Anyone interested in becoming a pep leader should go by the counseling center in the UC to pick up an application. The deadline for applications to be turned in is March 29.

Companies offer interviews

Monday, March 4, Western Kentucky University Graduate School, Bowling Green, Ky., will talk with students about the program from the Schools of Arts and Sciences and Agriculture.

Tuesday, March 5, Electronics Data Systems will interview all majors with intense interest in data processing careers for positions of Systems Engineering Development-Engineering emphasis. Positions are located throughout the United States.

Wednesday, March 6, AAA Lawn Industries, Inc., of Tucker, Ga., will interview for positions in landscape maintenance supervisor trainee. Academic background is for any Agriculture related field but especially horticulature and turf grass management/agronomy. Positions are in Atlanta now--Nashville in the future.

REQUIREMENT: To interview for positions, you must attend an Interviewing Techniques Workshop Mondays 2 p.m. OR Tuesdays 3:30 p.m. Workshops on resume writing are Mondays 3 p.m. OR Tuesdays 2:30 p.m.

Please come by and sign up for interviews in the Office of Cooperative Education and Placement, 250A University Center. Interviews cannot be scheduled by phone.

Residence Hall applications available

Residents wanting their same room back next year should apply by March 1, 1985. Applications are available at the residence hall office and in the Administration Building, Room 224.

UTM sponsers Real Estate refresher course

UTM is sponsoring a two-day, 17 hour refresher course to prepare participants for the Tennessee Real Estate Exam.

Classes will be held at the Jackson Ramada Inn on Saturday and Sunday, March 16-17, beginning at 8 a.m. The intensive course is designed to give special emphasis to real estate math, law, appraisal, finance, sales contracts and other topics. Realtors Mike Ainley of Paris and Ricky Fuller of Martin are the instructors.

The cost of the course is $100 which includes text, materials and lunches for the two days. Special room rates of $34 per single and $38 per double are offered to participants by Ramada Inn. Reservations can be made by calling (901) 668-4222.

For further information, contact the UTM Department of Public Service, telephone (901) 587-7081.

Deadline set for financial assistance

Students who plan to apply for financial assistance to attend summer classes at UTM should do so Monday, March 25.

"Limited funds will be available for the University's two summer sessions, set June 12-July 17 and July 18-Aug. 20. Students must attend both sessions to be eligible for summer aid," explained Randall Hall, UTM director of financial aid.

"Students seeking financial assistance must sign a financial aid priority list in the Financial Aid Office, 201 Administration Building, on Monday, March 25, to be considered for summer financial aid."

Persons planning to attend UTM for the first time during the 1985 fall quarter should complete and file a Family Financial Statement and a UTM Application for Financial Aid, which is available from any Tennessee high school or from UTM's Financial Aid Office.

Additional information is available from the Office of Financial Aid, 210 Admininstration Building, UTM, Martin, Tenn. 38238, (901) 587-7040.

UTM offers tax planning course

UTM is offering a Personal Investments/Tax Planning course beginning Monday, March 11.

This session will stress tax planning with personal investments. The course will also teach individuals how to manage their money and make investing decisions based on a knowledge of stocks, bonds, certificates, mutual funds, etc...along with the tax advantages and disadvantages of each.

Participants will have the opportunity to develop a portfolio with the assistance of the instructor.

Classes will meet Mondays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. through April 15 in Room 203 of Browning Hall. Saul Barr, associate professor of business administration, is the instructor.

The registration fee is $100 plus the cost of the textbook.

For more information, or to reserve a place in this class, call the Department of Public Service, 109 Gooch Hall, UTM, (901)587-7081.

UTM holds Jump Rope for Heart

The annual UTM Jump Rope for Heart Event will be held on March 5, 1985 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Lady Pacer Fieldhouse. This event is being sponsored nationally by the American alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance for the fifth year to benefit the American Heart Association. This is the largest special event that the Heart Association has been associated with in its 35 year history.

Prizes will be award to the participants depending upon how much money students raise for the fight against heart and blood vessel diseases. The individual raising the most money will receive a trophy, and teams raising the most money in each division listed below will receive awards: sorority, fraternity, honor and majors fraternity, dormitory, and open divisions.

Registration will begin at 5:15 p.m. on the day of the event. Pledge sheets may be obtained in the P.E. Complex Mall or from Mrs. Linda Ramsey, 3028 P.E. Complex.(587-7329).

Hostess receives benefit

For sophomore Lottie Harrell, being a UTM Hostess has opened up new doors of experience at the University.

"The best dividend in being a UTM Hostess is that I get to meet new people frequently--and not people the students ordinarily have the chance to meet on campus," explained Lottie.

The biology major from Ripley is one of 12 UTM students participating in the Hostess Program. Created at the beginning of fall quarter last year, UTM Hostesses are specially selected good-will ambassadors for the University. They tend to the needs of visiting dignitaries and guests at such University functions as luncheons, basketball games amd meetings.

Most Hostesses, like Lottie, are involved in a wide variety of other campus activities. Aside from being a pre-med major, Lottie is active as a Peer Enabling Program (PEP) Leader, a member of the Black Student Association, a member of Collegiate Choir, a sister in Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, a reporter for the AKA's national magazine, **Ivy Leaf**, a Pacer Pal and a delegate to Panhellenic Council. She also works part time for women's athletics.

"My work as a UTM Hostess has shown me things I'd otherwise never had known about the University. In addition to showing visitors UTM hospitality, we are often asked questions about the school and I have learned a lot about UTM history and how the University works during the past two quarters," Lottie said.

Lottie, the youngest of the 13 children of Mr. and Mrs. George Harrell, Rt. 6, Ripley, decided to attend UTM because of brothers and sisters who already hold UT degrees. She hopes to attend med-school at East Tennessee State after graduation from UTM, specializing in pediatrics.

Lottie recently had the opportunity to participate in a special pre-med enrichment program that sent three UTM students to study at UTK for eight weeks during the past summer. While in Knoxville, she had the opportunity to tour different medical schools, various hospitals as well as attend classes.

"The summer was a wonderful one for me because I got to see first hand just what the medical field is like on a practical level. We had the chance to view a variety of different aspects of the profession and the experience has been a beneficial one to me," Lottie said.

"So too has been my experience as a UTM Hostess. Being a Hostess has enabled me to meet new people, make new friends as well as be of service to UTM and the community. I enjoy being a Hostess and think the program is a worthwhile one."

UAC applications due April 3

by AMY PEARSON
Opinions Editor

Applications for UAC, which are due on April 3, 1985, can be picked up now at the Alumni Affairs Office in the Administration Building.

The Undergraduate Alumni Council, which was established at UTM in 1973, will pick approximately 25 new members, said UAC president Jim Ward.

"Some current members do not know for sure if they are coming back next year or not, which is why we cannot say for sure how many new members will be picked," said Ward.

Applicants for UAC must be in good academic standing with the University and must have been enrolled for two quarters as a full-time student, said Robert Carroll, the director of Alumni Affairs.

Interview times will be posted at the Alumni Affairs Office on April 8 and interviews will be held on April 10 and 11. The interviews will be conducted by a selection committee which consists of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and three other chosen members from UAC.

UAC holds activities for undergraduates, alumni and area high school students.

They coordinate the Homecoming Parade, the Homecoming Queen Activities, parent-student seminars and high school recruitments.

The members of UAC also work with the Admissions Office by giving campus tours to visiting high school students.

UAC members have also donated $45 to the Greenfield Childrens Home. They raised the money by wrapping Christmas gifts at Wal-Mart.

Last week, UAC elected their officers for the 1985-86 year. They are: President, Nick Dihigo; Vice President, Linda Patton; Recording Secretary, Lori Jenkins and Corresponding Secretary, Tracey Henry.

Bean Switch deadline draws near

by AMY WRINKLE
Student Writer

The University literary magazine **Bean Switch** will be published this spring with deadlines for submitting work extended until March 15, 1985, according to the faculty sponsor.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to submit poems, short stories, plays, essays or art work in the form of line drawings or black and white photographs, said sponsor Dr. Victor Depta.

Margaret Shannon, an editor for **Bean Switch**, stressed that the magazine desperately needs art work.

Black and white photographs no larger than 17 inches may be submitted, said the editor.

Submissions should be placed in the box marked **Bean Switch** in the English Department, said Dr. Depta.

The literary magazine, which has been called **Bean Switch** for two years, replaced the former **Windmills** publication, according to Depta.

Bean Switch received its unique title from an extensive search of unusual sounding Weakley County secondary roads, said the sponsor.

"Among ourselves we decided on **Bean Switch** after finding 20-25 county road titles on a Weakley County map," Depta said.

Dr. Victor Depta of the English Department, a published poet in his own right and co-editors Margaret Shannon and Mary Ann Sabo have great plans for the growing magazine.

Dr. Depta has two books of poetry published: **The Creek**, by Ohio University Press in 1973, and **The House**, published by New Rivers in 1978.

With this much talent going into the production of **Bean Switch**, we should have a quality university publication.

The magazine will sell for $1 when published in May.

PEP applications available for fall

by LINDA FONTANA
Student Writer

The Counseling Center will be accepting applications for new Pep Leaders for this coming Fall Quarter.

The Pep program is a system that allows the upper classmen to become involved in advising and counseling the incoming freshmen each Fall Quarter.

Every Spring Quarter, the older Pep Leaders conduct interviews to select a certain number of new Pep Leaders for the Fall.

When a student is selected, he or she is required to come to school two weeks before classes start.

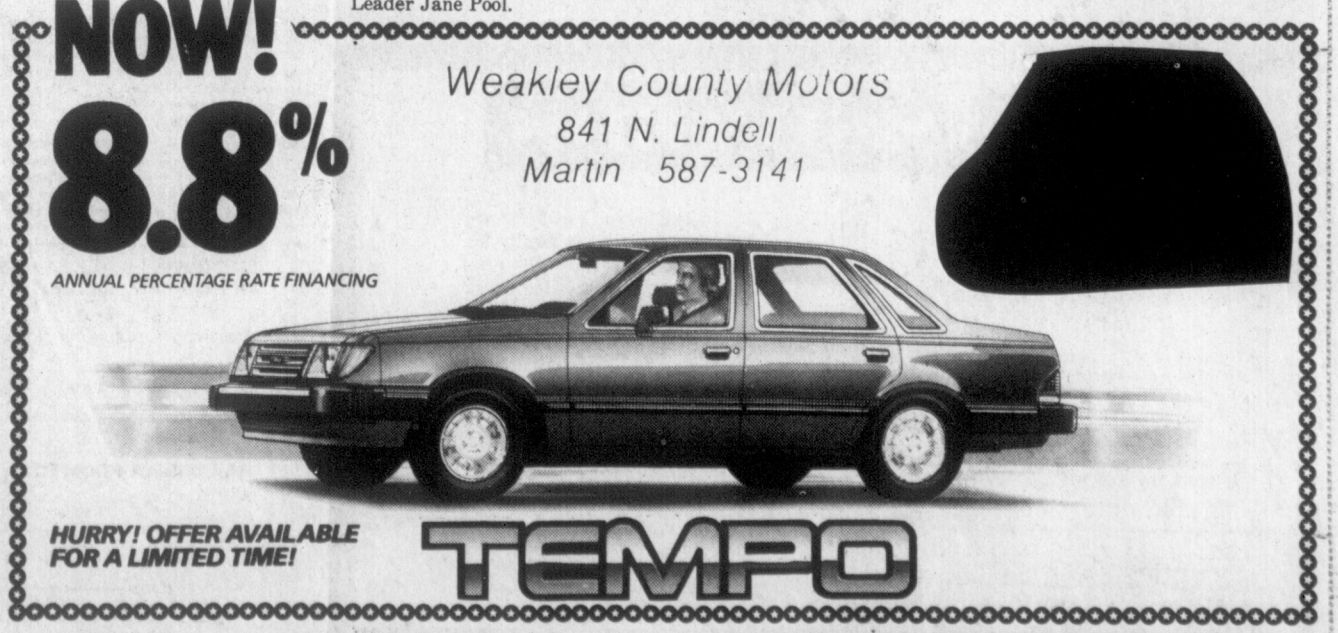
The first week is a training period in which the new Pep Leaders are told what to expect from the Freshmen and how to counsel them for specific problems ranging from alcohol use to simple homesickness.

The second week is Freshmen Studies Week. Each Pep Leader is assigned the freshmen in his or her group.

The Pep Leader is responsible for getting these freshmen registered for classes.

The Pep Leader also tries to encourage them to get to know one another and make friends.

"The whole purpose of Pep Week is to help the new student encounter a smooth transition from home to a new school with a new set of friends," said Pep Leader Jane Pool.



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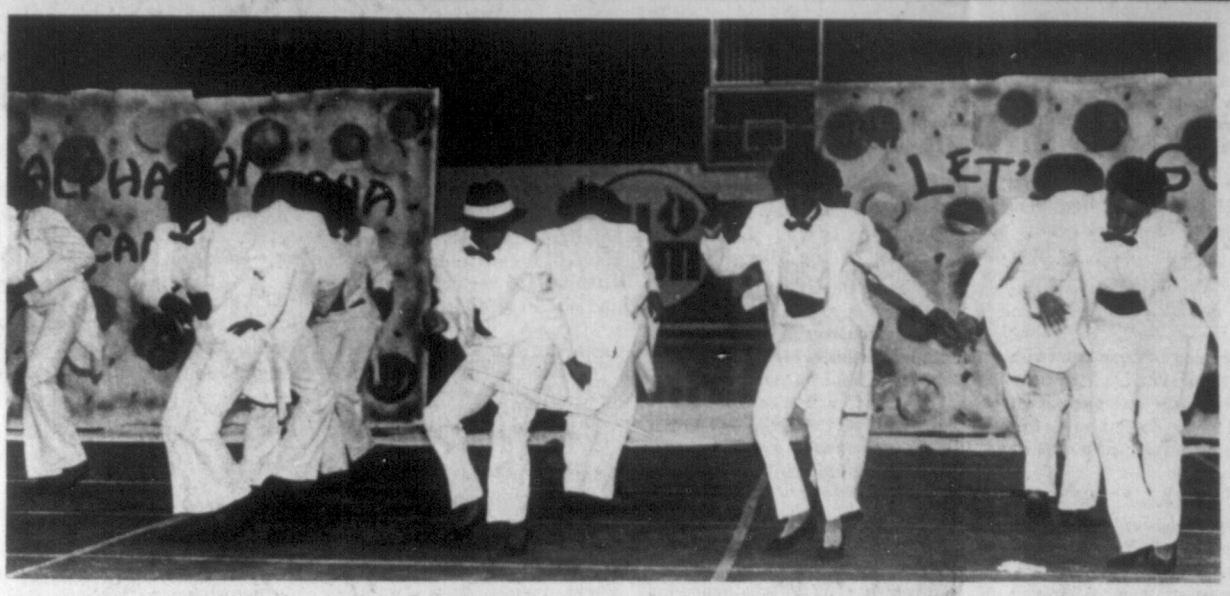

Looking fine--The little sisters of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity recently claimed the "best dressed" award in Alpha Phi Alpha Campus Hop.

Black students celebrate heritage

by JULIE KINCAID
Features Editor

This year's National Black History Month, themed "Afro-American Family: Historical Strengths for the New Century," which has been celebrated in a variety of ways at UTM, will conclude tonight with a musical production, "Rhapsody in Black," at 7 p.m. in the Humanities Auditorium.

According to coordinator Ray Barnes, the production, which depicts the history of blacks from the time of slavery to the present, will feature UTM students as actors and musicians.

"There was no need to go anywhere else to get actors. We have enough talent already here at UTM," the coordinator says.

Dr. H. Ann Duncan

Other Black History Month events at UTM have included a speech by new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs/ Director of Minority Activities Dr. H. Ann Duncan, titled "Educating Ourselves and Affecting Change: Renewed Commitment," and "Celebrating Blackness Through Prose, Poetry and Music" which was sponsored jointly by the Collegiate Choir and the Black Student Association.

In addition Patricia Kent and Company performed a multi-media three-act drama, "Free at Last" last Sunday in Gooch Auditorium.

"The B.S.A. tries so hard to put on events for the black students here," says Student Government President Reginald Williams. "There was a lack of support for most activities this month. I don't know if it was the timing of the event, poor publicity, or if the students had other obligations. But my main concern is that maybe one day famous blacks in the past, present and future will not have to set aside a whole month just to receive recognition, but will be recognized every month like everyone else."

Fraternities and sororities have sponsored many events in conjunction with Black History Month also.

On February 16, Alpha Phi Alpha sponsored their annual "Campus Hop" and "Miss Black and Gold Pageant." A group from Humbolt High School won first place overall in the hop and the $100 prize, and the Phi Beta Sigma little sisters were named "best dressed."

Johnetta Payne won the title "Miss Black and Gold 1985," and also receieved a $100 scholarship. The first and second alternates were Leron Coleman and Jo Helen Beard.

"The purpose of Black History Month is to let us look back over periods of time and see how far as a race we have come," says member Emmett McNeil. "As far as fraternities and sororities go, the only way we can keep achieving is by helping others through programs, charities and service."

Delta Sigma Theta sorority placed donation cans throughout the University Center Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the month of February. The money collected will be sent to Sickle Cell Anemia.

The Delta Esquires are also accepting donations for sickle cell anemia this week. Their cans are also located in the University Center.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority contributed $50 to the United Negro College Fund, and is selling chances on an AKA watch. The proceeds from the watch raffle will go to the African Development Program.

Who's in there--A group of students from Humboldt High School won first place over-all at the Campus Hop.

Smile Pretty--The winners of the Miss Black and Gold Pageant are, left to right, first alternate Leron Coleman; Miss Black and Gold, Johnetta Payne and second alternate Jo Helen Beard.

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ENTERTAINMENT

B-movie warms this cinematic wasteland

by ALEX BLEDSOE
Editor

A car cruises down a wintery country road. George Thorogood's "Bad to the Bone" blares on the soundtrack. The car's driver is a greasy no-account named Loudon. He stops and chats with a young girl hitchhiker, then picks her up. She asks what his first name is. He says he doesn't have one. She pulls a gun. "Everybody's got two names," she says, and shoots him dead.

These are the opening moments of **Slayground**, a British film being shown on Cinemax this month. The film illustrates the advantage of having cable TV in an area as culturally back in the woods as this--*Slayground* would *never* play at the Varsity.

Slayground is a linear, straight-forward thriller that doesn't waste time or try to get cute. One scene follows the next in logical progression, with no fancy camera angles or wild editing. This is good ol' B-movie to-the-point filmmaking, a nice change from the pretentiousness rampant in the movies today.

Which is not to say that there aren't some truly strange moments in the film (just look at that opening sequence). People are known by their last names only, or nicknames, which seem to be more labels for their personalities than mere monikers. The settings are all rather strange, and the film communicates primarily by visual means, rather than by what the characters say.

The strongest point in the film's favor is the casting of Peter Coyote in the lead role. Coyote is an actor who has been wasted in supporting roles for far too long, and will hopefully land other starring assignments. He was the key-jingling good-guy scientist in **E.T.**, and the first National Guardsman killed in **Southern Comfort**. Even when he's playing a jerk, there's something compelling and likable about the guy, and his role in **Slayground** brings this paradox out.

Coyote plays Stone (again, only one name), a thief who specializes in armored-car robberies. Stone is not concerned in the least when the drivers of the vehicles he plunders are knocked off, but when a young girl--an innocent bystander--is accidentally killed by their immature driver, Stone goes wild with rage. This is only one of the neat little moral twists just below the surface of the film--the drivers are responsible for their own deaths because they willingly took their jobs, but the girl is not.

Movie Scene

The dead girl's father, some sort of powerful businessman (his exact occupation is deliberately left out), hires a killer who calls himself "The Shadowman" to track down his daughter's murderers. The Shadowman's methods are as murky as his employer's source of income, which makes him seem that much more lethal. We never see how he learns that Stone and company are responsible, but once he does, he sets out with a single-mindedness that is almost otherworldly. He is never seen clearly, but has Roy Scheider's profile and Roddy McDowall's voice. He's so nasty, in fact, he even kills one victim's *dog*.

Stone and the Shadowman face off in London, in a deserted amusement park--the "slaygro-und" of the title. The few indulgent touches the film allows itself are used here, where wild camera angles, editing and sound effects are used to convey Stone's disorientation. But in the context of the story, it works, since the rest of the film has been so straightforward and we haven't been overkilled on clever camerawork. It also suits the tone of the film--for the first time, Stone is *not* running, so the shift in styles helps convey the shift in Stone's motives.

Coyote's talent and charm have to carry the burden of audience identification here, because just based on what he says and does, Stone is not a very nice guy. He does have his good points--loyalty to his friends, devotion to his wife(!)--but he is still a professional criminal. Coyote, though, makes him likable as well. The sincerity of his smile when he's shown some small kindness is so strong that, no matter what else he's done, you *like* the guy.

The movie makes no moral judgements about any of the character's occupations, except to say that carelessness in *whatever* you do can be fatal. Stone gets into trouble because he's careless, and he can't start fighting back until he stops being so. Even the Shadowman's ultimate downfall is caused from his one careless moment of boasting.

Slayground isn't the most linear movie ever made--James Bridges' **Mike's Murder** takes that prize--but it strikes the right balance of straight-ahead storytelling and character development. The people in **Slayground** aren't that complex, but the important thing is that you learn enough about them to *care* about what happens to them.

Movies like this make me glad to pay the $23 or so each month it takes to get Cinemax. Nearly every month, there's *something*--movies such as **Slayground**, or **This is Spinal Tap**, or **Frances**--that allows us poor boondock-locked people to see what's really happening in the world of cinema.

Some college campuses make it a point to show films like this, that you can't see anywhere else. Then again, some--like UTM--are too concerned with getting the latest box-office hit that everyone's already seen. Luckily, though, we don't have to be left out in the cinematic cold--not as long as there's cable TV.

An unforgettable fire for me and U2

by MARK MCLEOD
Entertainment Editor

The picture on the album's inner sleeve is bleak and desolate. At the top of the black and white photograph, a medieval structure sets on top of a seemingly barren, grassy hill. There are four vaguely human shapes standing at the bottom of the hill, slightly out of focus. The shadows across their faces darken each man's eyes, lending them an appearence of death. The eye sockets look black and void of sight.

The photograph, like the band pictured in it, is made of light and shade. The casual play with light leads the photograph and the band into an eerie atmosphere. This is the world of U2.

Since U2's debut album **Boy**, released in 1981, the group has been producing music that relates something unusual to its devoted and ever-increasing audience. U2 transfers its spirituality into music.

The new album from U2 is titled **The Unforgettable Fire**. It finds the band continuing the style of encompassing spiritual themes mixed with the problems and politics of today.

The guitar and singer strain and scream, while the bass, keyboards, and drummer establish a rhythm of defiance and attack. With precision and grace, the metallic squall leaves the passive group and delivers a message of peace. The intensity remains throughout the album until the slow and hypnotic last track "MLK."

"A Sort of Homecoming" is the first track on side one. It is also the only song that had the lyrics written out for the listener.

This, believe it or not, is my only gripe with the album. The lyrics for all the tracks on the album should have been printed and included. While the lyrics of the album are not exactly laced with humor and wit, like last week's album by The Kinks, the atmosphere and descriptive nature of the words, cleverly penned by lead singer Bono create just the right mode of expression to make U2's sound very destinctive.

And while we're on the subject of The Kinks, I had a very devoted listener of "punk music" yell at me, in an ugly rage, because I said that the punk movement had died (or bit the big one). I didn't say that punk music had died, just the movement. Punk rock has generally evolved into other forms, like U2, for instance. So There (I would stick out my tongue, but I won't. Oh, what the hell. Nyaah!)!

Anyway, the next track on the album is "Pride (In the Name of love), which is an emotional insight into the life of Martin Luther King, and is also the commmericial cut on the release.

"Wired," the next track, follows the commercial cut and is the best example of U2's haunting combinations of lyrics and instrumentation found on the first side.

The second side also demonstrates, and perhaps a little more effectively, this haunting style with the track "Bad." This is the best cut found on the album, and is a U2 classic. Circular guitar riffs and an eerie floating rhythm make the track outshine the rest.

U2 has a very bright future ahead of them. With success somewhat achieved, and a major US tour just starting, U2 will find the future prime breedir g ground for their music and, even better, their ideals.

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SPORTS

DEFENSE, DEFENSE, DEFENSE!--The Pacers gave Troy State a run for the money Wednesday night in Pacer Arena when they used the Trojans to achieve a victory.

Pacers waste Trojans

by JOE LOFARO
Student Writer

UTM will seek revenge over Delta State tonight,in semi-final action of the Gulf South Conference tournament,thanks to a 50-46 first round victory over the number six seed Troy State Trojans on Tuesday night in Pacer Arena.

In the first half, UTM and Troy St. found themselves tied twice, once at two and then again at 15.

The lead switched hands seven times in the first half and the biggest lead that both teams could build was three points.

The first half amounted to a defensive struggle and at the half the Pacers had a narrow one point lead, 18-17.

First half shooting percentages showed UTM out in front with 44 percent from the field opposed to the Trojans dismal 35 percent from the field.

In the second half both teams decided to play a little offense, despite the stall tactics which the Trojans call an offense. Things looked a little like the games with Delta State a few years ago, when the scores were 14-9 and 17-11.

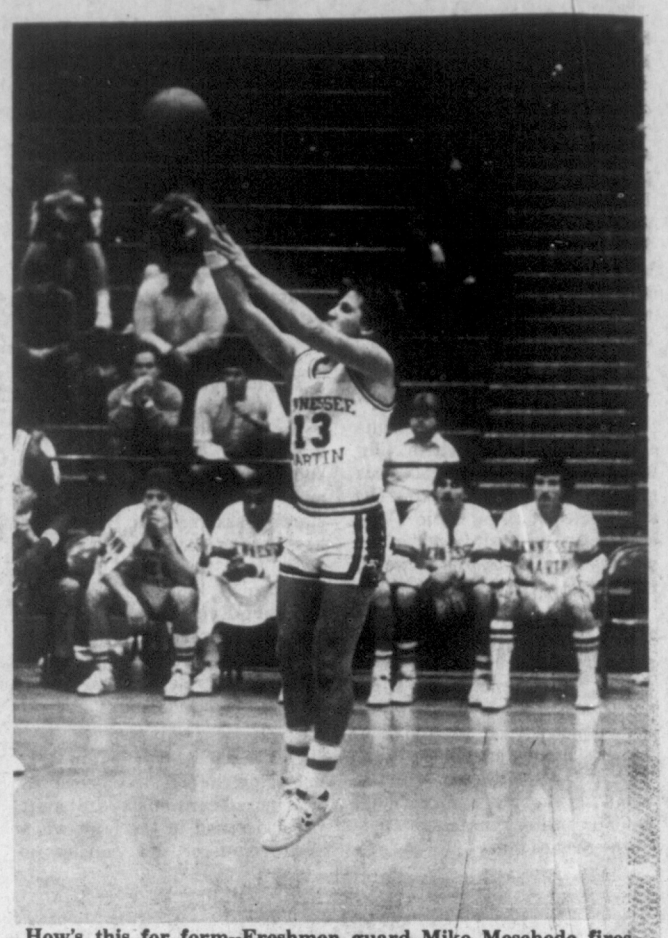
The game was tied six times in the second half, the last time at 41-41, and the lead switched hands 11 times before the Pacers were able to take the lead for the final time at 43-41.

UTM's biggest lead,45-41, came at 3:20 to go in the game as the Pacers outscored the Trojans 14-4.

The last minute of the game was played from the free throw line where the Pacers managed to waste the Trojans and advance to semi-final action against Delta State.

Jerry Davis pumped in 19 points to lead the Pacers to victory, while Marcus Glass added 13.

The tip-off of the Delta State game is scheduled for 7:30 pm, tonight, at Delta State. If the Pacers should win they will be in the finals on Saturday night.



How's this for form--Freshmen guard Mike Meschede fires another two from downtown Pacer Arena.Meschede had six points in the Pacers 50-46 victory over Troy State,Tuesday night.

Pacers squeak by North Alabama

by JOE LOFARO
Student Writer

The UTM Pacers finished their regular season home slate with a split, bowing to West Georgia last Thursday night 73-67 and squeaking by North Alabama 80-77,Saturday night.

The Pacers build a big lead against the West Georgia Braves, but couldn't hang on for the victory. At one time the Pacers led by as many as 10 points but the win hungry Braves chipped away at the lead and overcame the Pacers.

A solid first half performance was upset by a stubborn West Georgia team. With 6:05 to play in the first half the Pacers were up by 10, but couldn't hang on to the half. At the half West Georgia led 40-39.

Crucial free throws by West Georgia and a little help via the officials let the vistors from Georgia have their way with the home team.

The Pacers outrebounded the Braves 35-32 and outshot them as well, connecting on 26 times from the floor.

Hurting the Pacers the most was turnovers. UTM committed 17 turnovers in the game.

Mike Meschede led the Pacers in their attempt with 20 points, while Marcus Glass added 14 and Chris Cooper tossed in eight.

In the Pacers home finale against North Alabama,UTM pleased the home crowd with a 80-77 victory.

The contest was even on three occasions, once at 6-6,again at 8-8 and the final time at 10-10.UNA had their only lead at 8-6.

The Pacers regained the lead, 10-8,with 16:05 to go in the first half when Mike Meschede connected from 18 feet out off the right wing.

The Pacers' biggest lead, 31-17, came at 7:29 in the first half.

At the half the Pacers lead had dwindled to a mere six points,37-31.

In the second half the Pacers mounted a 19 point lead with just under nine minutes to play.

But UNA bounced back and pulled to within three with just over two minutes to go.
Though UNA was able to outscore the Pacers 30-14 within the last nine minutes of the contest, the Pacers defense was able to contain the upset minded Lions.

Marcus Glass netted 22 points to lead the Pacers, while Mike Meschede and Jerry Davis each added 16 apiece. Sam Logan led UNA with 22.

UTM closed the year out with 19 wins and advanced to the Gulf South Conference tournament as the number three seeded team.(See related story)

The Pacers finished the regular season with a 19-9 record and the third spot in the GSC standings.

Newby to pitch opener

A pair of right-handers drew the starting assignments in UTM's baseball team's season-opening doubleheader at Lambuth College in Jackson, today, Coach Vernon Prather announced.

Mike Hayes and Martin Newby took to the mound for the Pacers in their opening day games. Hayes posted a 3-0 record with a 4.07 ERA as a freshman. Newby saw duty as both a starter and reliever, leading the team with 11 appearance and posting a 4-3 record with a 4.00 ERA.

"Mike and Martin are both keys in our pitching rotation this spring and we are looking for good things from them," Prather said.

"Our pitchers have been able to get in some good work and they should be ahead of the other areas of the team at this point."

The Pacers were able to get in some outside work for the first time last week. That should be apparent over the first few games, according to Prather.

"Our defense will be behind because of its lack of work outside, but I am sure Lambuth is in the same situation that we are," Prather said. "So, you naturally can expect some defensive mistakes that hopefully will not be made as we get more outside work in."

The Pacer hitters have done surprisingly well in the first few outside workouts. Prather attributes the good work to a solid off-season hitting program.

"Our players dedicated themselves to getting a lot of work in on their hitting in the fall and through the winter workouts," Prather said. "I was very pleased with our hitting through our first few workouts outside."

The Pacers will play another doubleheader, scheduled for Saturday, March 2 at Rust College in Holly Springs, Miss. The Pacers home opener is a twinbill against Rhodes College on March 5, beginning at 1 p.m. on Pacer Field.

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Pacers up to bat for '85 season

A solid pitching staff, a strong middle defense and an added power attack will figure prominently for a successful 1985 UTM baseball season.

The pitching staff, along with the return of veteran performers and incoming players will be the keys for the Pacers as they tackle a 52-game regular season slate and prepare toward the Gulf South Conference Northern Division Tournament in late April. Coach Vernon Prather leads the Pacers, beginning his ninth season at the helm.

"We enter this season with the thought that our starting pitching rotation will play a major force in determining what kind of the season we have," said Prather. "We have some players who have been there before with us, plus we believe we signed some people last spring who will be able to step in right away and make contributions."

Prather is looking at a five-man starting rotation to open the season. Among the returnees expected to be starters are Bruce Beckman, Martin Newby and Mike Hayes. Beckman, a lefthander, posted a 1-3 mark last season. Newby saw duty both as a starter and reliever, leading the team in mound appearances and posting a 4-3 record. Hayes, had a solid freshman season to build upon, posting a 3-0 record and 4.07 ERA. Hayes was a GSC Pitcher-of-the-Week for a pair of complete game wins early in the season.

One of the gaps for Prather to fill was the void left by the graduation of his son, Mike, an all-GSC pitcher last season. Two of the recruits, John Fowler and Wade Freeman each have junior college experience to add to the rotation. Fowler played at Jackson State Community College and had a rotator cuff injury which forced him to miss his first year, and he will have three years of eligibility remaining with UTM. Freeman comes to the Pacers from Columbia State Junior College.

Out of the bullpen, Russ Hopper will look to regain his sophomore season form that made him one of top receivers in the GSC. Saine Hopper was 4-1 with a save that seaon, but had a 7.01 ERA with no decisions last spring. David Morris 1-0 in 1984 will look for an effective year in relief. Dale Pickard, a member of the Pacer football team, and Kenny Saine are a pair of walk-on members to the team and will look for duty out of the bullpen.

Randy Chism will play first base, but will also see pitching duty after posting an impressive record as high school and summer league pitcher. Beckman, Morris, and Chism are the southpaws on the staff.

The Pacer defense should be an improved facet this season, especially up the middle. "We feel that our up-the-middle defense will be strong, and those positions are very important," Prather said. "We should also get some good power production from the plate, which is an added bonus."

Behind the plate, Ronnie Shephard and Matt Phillips are expected to share much of the catching duties. Shephard, a line drive hitter, batted .308. Phillips, signed out of Martin JC, features a strong throwing arm and is expected to provide some long ball power. Other candidates for catching chores are a pair of freshmen Tim Hess and Brian Jones.

At shortstop, Richard Craven transfered to UTM from Old Miss where he was the top infield utility player last spring. Craven has good range at the position and a good throwing arm and is a welcome addition to the team. He also provided some power and hit better than .400 during the fall workouts.

Jim Willis has made the switch from third base to centerfield for his final season. Willis will give the Pacers needed speed in the outfield. Willis hit .349 last spring and led the campaign with 18 career home runs, only four off the all-time Pacer record.

At second, captain Roger Deskins is a consistent player. Deskins hit .277 and made only four errors last season at his position.

Matt Pumo, the Pacers' leading hitter last season at .394, will make the switch from leftfield to rightfield for his senior year. Pumo is a line-drive type hitter.

In leftfield this season will be Tim James. He is another junior college player from Columbia State who will have immediate impact as a power hitter.

Ricky Jackson is a highly-regarded defensive player and that talent will be utilized this spring as he is expected to be a specialist. Other outfielders will be freshman Steve Adcock and a pair of junior college transfers Mike Kerby and Scott Seward who will also play at third base.

With Willis' move to the outfield, Seward may move into the starting slot at third base. Walk-on Steve Ray will also look for playing time at third along with Seward. Bill Glass a redshirt player last year, will be the top utility player, seeing action at several positions.

Prather went with a platoon system at first base in 1984 and may do the same this season. Chism and Tim Pearcy are the top two candidates. Pearcy hit .400 in limited playing time as a freshman. Terry Hornsby is a former pitcher who has been hobbled by injuries and he will be a first baseman and designated hitter this spring.

"We had a good fall practice with good leadership and the attitude and approach is there for us to have a fine season," Prather said. "Our regular season schedule is one that will help us be ready for the GSC tournament and our aim is to be competitive in the tournament this spring. We play in what is probably the toughest Division II conference in the country and we will have to be at our best when the tournament comes around."

The Pacers will have 16 home dates this spring, with all the dates set to be doubleheaders except one. Included on the home schedule are several area rivals, defending GSC champion North Alabama, and four Division I opponents, Arkansas State of the Southland Conference, Murray State and Austin Peay State of the Ohio Valley Conference, and Division I independent Tennessee State.

The Gang's all here--The UTM baseball team swings into action this week with their first game against Lambuth College in Jackson today. The Pacers have 16 home games scheduled for this season.

Lady Pacers end season on the road

by JOE LOFARO
Student Writer

The Lady Pacers closed there 1984-85 campaign with three tough loses on the road to three talented Gulf South Conference teams.

North Alabama had their way with UTM as they knocked off the Lady Pacers 97-86, while Delta State greeted the vistors from Martin with a 105-69 rout and Mississippi College proved that the third time is a charm by scalping the weary Lady Pacers 101-77.

North Alabama dazzled the Lady Pacers with some blistering shooting. In the first half of the contest the Lady Lions canned 21 of 33 fieldgoals for 63 percent, while UTM shot a dismal 42 percent, connecting on 20 of 47 tries.

In the second half the Lady Pacers lost key personel because of foul trouble. Kay Aleshire fouled out with six seconds left in the game, Phyllis "Flex" Flynn bowed out with 2:06 and the "Big L" Larissa Maciarz found her self on the bench with 7:40 to go in the battle.

The Lady Lions continued to take it to the Lady Pacers in their second half, but showed some slack in their shooting percentage.

The bright spot for UTM was the five players in the double digit scoring club. The leader of the pack was senior Kay Aleshire with 24 points. Kim "Tiger"Crowell tossed in 18, Diane Jordan added 16 and Flynn and Maciarz each netted 10. North Alabama was led by Brenda Mays with 26 points.

The Lady Pacers trip to Delta State wasn't exactly what the Lady Pacers would call fun as the Lady Statesmen gave the Lady Pacers a lesson in crooked politics.

At the end of the first half the Lady Pacers trailed by 22 points, 60-38.

In the second half the Lady Pacer defense gave it their all and held the explosive Lady Statesmen to 45 second half points.

Four Lady Pacers were in double figures. The freshman sensation Lisa Winton led the way with 18 points. Diane Jordan tossed in 14, Kay Aleshire notched in 12 and Kim Crowell canned 10 in the attempt. Delta State was led by Delinda Samuel with an amazing 36 points.

The Lady Pacers closed out their road trip with a 101-77 lose to the Lady Choctaws from Mississippi College on Monday night.

Mississsippi College dominated the first half and jumped out in front 49-31 at the half. In the second half UTM staged a comeback, but fell short.

Diane Jordan led the Lady Pacers attempt with 23 points. Larissa Maciarz closed out her year with 21 and the ever so consistent Kay Aleshire connected for 16.

The Lady Pacers closed the year with a 7-17 record.

Rifle team could shoot their way to West Point

The UTM rifle team, coached by Capt. Robert Beard, has an excellent chance of being invited to the Nationals held at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., March 7-9.

Beard said that his rifle team should be ranked seventh in the nation, which would place UTM as the only Division II school in the top 10 national rankings.

This past weekend match at Murray State was the stepping stone to those Nationals for the UTM marksmen. Beard said his team shot 25 points higher than he had anticipated which enabled the team to shoot a new school record.

Eric Kugler led the Pacers in the smallbore division with a score of 1149, which was the second highest score in his career. Rob Harbison was a close second with 1145 total points, which was his second highest career score.

Ed Davis, Denise Webb and Randy Ridings contributed to the team's overall performance with each person setting a personal career high.

In the air rifle division, Rob Harbison led the Pacers with a score of 380 which is the second highest in his career.

Ed Davis and Denise Webb also shot their career highs in this division.

Beard said that Eric Kugler, Rob Harbison and Tracy Lloyd have a very excellent chance of being selected to All-American honors in the smallbore division. He also stated that UTM's rifle team has six prospects for the NCAA championship. The team members include Eric Kugler, Rob Harbison and Ed Davis in the air rifle division.

Prior to this tournament, UTM was one victory shy from taking a clean sweep in a match held two weeks ago at Natchitoches, La.

"I'm really proud of our team," said Beard. "We finished first out of 23 other teams."

Tracy Lloyd swept all individuals categories. She finished with 1147 total points, which Beard describes as being an All-American level score.

Beard was also very pleased with his freshmen team which shot a 4505. "If Eric Kugler could have attended the match, we would have set a new school record," Beard said. Kugler did not make the trip because of studies.

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UTM student goes to championship

by GREG MAGEE
Student Writer

UTM student, Kwan Nam, is no different than other students on campus, except he has competed in a world event, something everyone hasn't done.

Nam, a 5-foot-8, 170 pound Black Belt in the martial art Tae Kwon-Do came to UTM last fall from Seoul Korea where he represented his country in the World Junior Tae Kwon-Do Championship in 1975.

"Representing my county in a world tournament was the biggest event in my life," said Nam, who was in junior high school while he was in the tournament.

Before particpating in the World Junior Tae Kwon-Do Championship, he won the gold medal in Seoul's Championship, and the silver medal in Korea's Junior Championship.

While competing in the semi-final of the World Championship, Kwan Nam suffered an injury to his right knee early in the match, but still managed to win the decision.

"Doctors told me the injury was a result of kicking too much, and I shouldn't continue in order to prevent further damages," Nam explained.

Not taking the doctors advice, Nam entered the finals only able to kick with his left leg, which proved to be the disadvantage that caused him to lose the match by two points.

Nam said, "Even though my leg was in pain throughout the match, I was able to stay close in the scoring by blocking a lot of my opponents punches and using my favorite kick, the half-moon."

He wasn't able to compete at all in 1976 because of the injured knee, but returned to competition in 1977 and won the gold in Korea's Mini-Olympics, even though the knee continued to plague him.

His search for medical help was unsuccessful until a rare herbal plant has brought to him by a doctor from the Jili mountains of Southern Korea.

"I tied the plant down over my knee everyday for a week, and my leg healed within six months," said Nam.

In 1979 he was strong as ever, and let it be known by taking the gold medal in the President Championship, Korea Championship and the Blue Dragon Championship.

Nam again earned the opportunity to compete in a world championship, but declined to participate because he didn't want to be obligated to attend the Sports University in Korea.

"If I didn't keep up in my academic studies, I would be obligate to attend the Sports University," explained Nam.

"I felt my academic studies were more important than being a sports hero," he added.

Kwan Nam to teach Tae Kwon-Do

Kwan Nam will teach Tae Kwon-Do classes in UTM's Pacer Football Office from 7-8:30 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and 6:30-8 on Friday nights.

Anyone interested in taking classes can contact Kwan Nam through Public Service, 587-7081.

He has 30 students age ranging from 7 to 45, and hopes to have more students when new classes begin March 1 and April 1, 1985.

UTM Strike Force seeks state title

by STELLA FULLMER
Student Writer

UTM's Strike Force is competing in the Best Ranger Contest, a patrolling and marksmanship contest, at East Tennessee State University.

On March 28, 29, and 30, six members of ROTC's Strike Force will compete for the title of Best Ranger against teams from nine other Tennessee universities.

The members selected to represent UTM are Liz Coble, Jochen Thomas, Keith Poyner, David Moore, Ivan Bradley and Mark Minor. Master Sgt. Tranthan will be going as supervisor.

The three day event includes rifle and pistol markmanship, swimming, physical training (PT), military skills, weapons skills, tactics and strategy, building bridges and a written patrolling test.

There will also be a day and night field course and a by-athalon similar to the one in the Olympics. The by-athalon consists of a 10 mile road march during which contestants must stop and shoot at targets to gain points. If a target is missed, a lap is added to the march.

They will be judged in three ways; individually, as a "buddy team" and as a school team.

The "buddy teams" consist of Thomas and Coble as one, Poyner and Moore as another, and Bradley and Minor as the third.

Coble feels confident that they will do well in the competition. "We have a strong team," she says.

To prepare for this contest Strike Force has had PT three days a week all quarter and several classes on patrolling and tactics.

According to Coble, UTM has more classes to prepare the team than most of the other schools that will be participating.

The Strike Force has gone on two road marches of five and eight miles long which they had to complete during a certain time period. They also have had classes on weapons skills and practiced in the rifle range under Maj. Beard's instruction.

This coming weekend they will be going on Winter FTX, Field Training Exercise, to prepare them even more.

During the next month Strike Force will be having at least one more road march and increase their PT classes to five days a week as well as taking more classes on weapons, tactics and patrolling skills.

The Best Ranger Contest is designed after what a professional army ranger might come up against in a war-zone situation.

The ranger's job is to gather information about the enemy and deliver it to his supervisors. Rangers have to know how to defend themselves, avoid the enemies' traps and move quietly and quickly without being discovered.

Strike Force is a small unit associated with army ROTC designed to give training as a professional army ranger. Strike Force members learn partolling skills, weapons skills and tactics skills as well as gaining physical fitness in PT classes, which generally consist of various types of exercises.

UTM's Strike Force is one of 10 ranger clubs in Tennessee connected to army ROTC offered in 10 different colleges throughout the state who will compete in next month's contest.

Students will visit UTM this summer

UTM will host one the first residential programs for Tennessee's outstanding juniors and seniors this summer.

The programs are part of the 10 major components of the Better Schools Program, according to the State Department of Education.

"The 1985 Governor's Schools of Tennessee will provide intellectual challenges and creative experiences for 300 of the state's most capable, rising young juniors and seniors," said state education commissioner Robert McElrath.

UTM's program will be one of three separate four-week programs offered this summer, each with a different focus.

The School For Humanities will be at UTM from July 7 to Aug. 3. Middle Tennessee State University will host the School For Arts - Orchestral Studies from June 16 to July 20. The School For Sciences will be held from June 16 to July 16 at UT Knoxville.

The schedule for the schools was announced at a State Board of Education meeting in the Legislative Plaza in Nashville on Thursday, Jan. 24.

Sophomores and juniors in public and private schools who are in the upper 10 percent of their class, or have instrumental music ability, are eligible to apply for the first Governor's School.

Information on the Governor's Schools, including application packets and procedures for student selection, will be sent to local systems in mid-February by the Department of Education.

Education group selects UTM dean

A UTM dean has been named to the Commission on Teacher Education Reform in Tennessee to assist in the development of a comprehensive teacher preparation reform plan.

Dr. George Drew, UTM dean of education, was elected to the Commission by the membership of the Tennessee Association of College for Teacher Education (TACTE). The Commission will present a report at the TACTE spring meeting, outlining its recommendations. The report will then be submitted for consideration to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) and the Tennessee State Board of Education.

"I feel that this Commission has been charged with a vital task and am pleased to serve on it. The continuing improvement of teacher preparation is necessary at this point and another of the worthwile efforts of Gov. Alexander's Better Schools Program," Drew said.

He explained that the Commission will be looking at such topics as entrance requirements to teacher education programs, certification requirements, five and six year teacher education programs and both state and national accreditation of teacher education programs.

"The Commission will use mandates emanating from the Comprehensive Education Reform Act of 1984. The members will also be soliciting reactions, perceptions and positions from concerned constituencies such as THEC, the Tennessee Education Association and the State Department of Education as well as other agencies," Drew explained. In addition, a multiplicity of national reports like the National Commission of Excellence in Teacher Education, will be utilized extensively.

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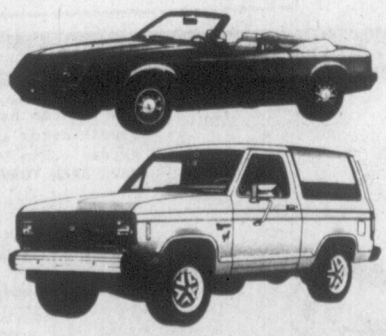

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